CLAIMS

 A method of transforming information, comprising: inputting, into an editor, a first structural description of a first structured format;

inputting, into the editor, a second structural description of a second structured format;

inputting, into the editor by a user, preferences for transforming an element of the first structural description to at least one element of the second structural description;

storing translation information output from the editor, the translation information comprising at least the preferences input by the user; and

transforming first information provided in the first structured format into second information in the second structured format based on the translation information.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first structured format has a Document Type Definition (DTD) directed hierarchy.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said first structured format is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).

- 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said first structured format is eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 5. The method of claim 3, wherein the second structured format is a Document Type Definition (DTD) directed hierarchy.
- 6. The method of claim 3, further comprising: outputting, from the editor to a graphical user interface, a representation of a translation between the first structured format and the second structured format.
- 7. The method of claim 3, wherein the second structured format is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).
- 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the second structured format is eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 9. A system for transforming information, comprising: means for inputting, into an editor, a first structural description of a first structured format;

means for inputting, into the editor, a second structural description of a second structured format;

means for inputting, into the editor by a user, preferences for transforming an element of the first

structural description to at least one element of the second structural description;

means for storing translation information output from the editor, the translation information comprising at least the preferences input by the user; and

means for transforming first information provided in the first structured format into second information in the second structured format based on the translation information.

- 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the first structured format has a Document Type Definition (DTD) directed hierarchy.
- 11. The system of claim 9, wherein said first structured format is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).
- 12. The system of claim 11, wherein said first structured format is eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 13. The system of claim 11, wherein the second structured format is a Document Type Definition (DTD) directed hierarchy.
 - 14. The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for outputting, from the editor to a graphical user interface, a representation of a translation between the first structured format and the second structured format.

- 15. The system of claim 11, wherein the second structured format is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).
- 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the second structured format is eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 17. A computer program product having a computer usable medium for transforming information, comprising:

instructions for inputting, into an editor, a first structural description of a first structured format;

instructions for inputting, into the editor, a second structural description of a second structured format;

instructions for inputting, into the editor by a user, preferences for transforming an element of the first structural description to at least one element of the second structural description;

instructions for storing translation information output from the editor, the translation information comprising at least the preferences input by the user; and

instructions for transforming first information provided in the first structured format into second information in the second structured format based on the translation information.

- 18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the first structured format has a Document Type Definition (DTD) directed hierarchy.
- 19. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein said first structured format is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).
- 20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein said first structured format is eXtensible Markup Language (XML).
- 21. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the second structured format is a Document Type Definition (DTD) directed hierarchy.
- 22. The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising:

instructions for outputting, from the editor to a graphical user interface, a representation of a translation

between the first structured format and the second structured format.

- 23. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the second structured format is derived from Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML).
- 24. The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the second structured format is eXtensible Markup Language (XML).